



Washington State Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**9:00 AM
September 9, 2005
Department of Health
310 Israel Road S.E.
Tumwater, WA 98501**

Committee Members Present

Susan Bogni, Public Member, Chair; Philip Brown, LSW; Carl Greenberg, MFT; Alison Hadley, LACSW; Joyce Gaidies, Public Member; Bethel Pittman, Public Member; Judy Roberts, LMHC

Committee Members Absent

Lisa Erickson, LMHC Acting Vice-Chair; Joseph Price, LMHC & LMFT

Public Present

Scott Edwards, Ph.D.; Jonathan Beard; Laura Groshong, MSW; Adrian R. Magnuson-Whyte; Julia Somerfield; Steve Ringman; Karen Langer

Staff

Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director; Janice K. Boden, Program Manager; Sherry Wolverton, Program Representative; Geoff Hymans, AAG Advisor

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Agenda Topics

Open Session

1. 9:00 AM - Call to Order –Carl Greenberg and Dr. Phil Brown introduced themselves as the newly appointed Committee members. Geoffrey Hymans was introduced as the new Assistant Attorney General Advisor. The February 2005 and April 2005 meeting minutes were approved.
2. Executive Director Report – Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director gave an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the advisory committee. Also included was the Committee's purpose, relationship to the Department of Health, and the flow of communication between the Department and the Committee.

3. Program Manager Report – Ms. Boden distributed the monthly expenditure report and a disciplinary statistics report. She responded to questions from the Committee and audience. Judy Roberts asked that the disciplinary report be revised to include the category of the complaints. Ms. Roberts wants to be able to education colleagues about the types of complaints being received. Mr. Nicoloff suggested the Committee form a sub-committee that would receive the final orders issued in complaint files and then report back to the Committee on trends and issues resulting from sanctions. It was decided that Ms. Pittmen and Ms. Robrs will both receive each disciplinary order issued to licensed counselors and they will report the conclusions/impressions of their findings to the Committee.
4. Review of Chapter 246-809 WAC and Report on Progress of Proposed Rules –Ms. Boden distributed a version of the education, experience, and supervision proposed rules that had been re-formatted. The Committee was asked to review the rules but no action was taken. The item was tabled until the October meeting.
5. Public Comment – Laura Groshong expressed her appreciation for the Committees efforts. Scott Edwards inquired about the time frame for getting the proposed supervision rules in place.
6. Project Review and Future Planning – Consumer Brochure: Ms. Hadley presented latest version of the consumer brochure that she and Ms. Roberts have been working on. After reviewing the document, a few suggested changes were identified and discussed.

Meeting dates for 2006 were identified as follows: January 6, April 21, June 9, September 15, and November 10. There was a discussion of meeting locations and the Committee expressed its preference to meet in the SeaTac, Kent, or Seattle area. Ms. Boden said she and Sherry Wolverton would do their best to secure the Committee's desired meeting locations.

The Future Planning Session was tabled until the next meeting.

7. Review of Meeting – Ms. Boden reviewed the meeting decisions with the Committee.
8. Task Assignments and Future Agenda Building – There were no tasks assigned. Items identified for the October meeting are budget training, fee setting process, categories of disciplinary/complaints, future Committee planning.
9. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:25 PM.